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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hirotaka HARO et al.

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FOR: ADHESION INHIBITING MATERIAL FOR VERTEBRAL/SPINAL OPERATION

#### RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated March 22, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration, the Case Specific Powers of Attorney (5), a Declaration of Tsuyoshi KATO, and a Supplemental Application Data Sheet.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our payment in the amount of \$-0.00- is attached hereto. If any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the required Government fee, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R.  $\Rightarrow$ 1.136 and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R.  $\Rightarrow$ 1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/30/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 12/30/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/30/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/30/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 12/30/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/30/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 12/30/2005

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The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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#### **DECLARATION OF Tsuyoshi KATO**

I, Tsuyoshi KATO, am the second-named inventor of the above-identified application which is the national phase of International PCT Application No. PCT/JP04/09750, filed June 30, 2004.

It has been brought to my attention that my first name was spelled incorrectly in the International application due to an error in translation. Specifically, my first name was spelled "Takeshi." My true and correct name is Tsuyoshi Kato, which has been set forth on the Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition filed Herewith.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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